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Cultural Affairs Committee**

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	Prepared By:	Elizabeth N. Owens (ENO)      Jason T. Smith (JTS) Mia B. Marin (MBM)	If you require further analysis of these or any other agenda items, please contact Guillermo Cuadra, Esq., Chief Legislative Analyst, at (305) 375-5469.	
1(F)1	Resolution naming community center at Jefferson Reaves Park as the “Everett Stewart, Sr. Community Center”  <b>Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson</b>	<b>District 3</b>  This resolution names the community center located in Jefferson Reaves Park as the “Everett Stewart, Sr. Community Center.”  Everett Stewart, Sr. is currently the president of the Brownsville Neighborhood Civic Association.	Pursuant Rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Commission Rules of Procedure regarding the naming of facilities for living individuals, when this item reaches the full Board of County Commissioners it must be approved by three-fifths of the Board members present.	JTS
2(A)	Retroactive In-kind services for Autism Awareness Event  <b>Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event: Autism Awareness Event, held April 16, 2006.</li> <li>• Requesting organization: Fundacion Rockincha “Los Niños de la Luz.” (Non-profit)</li> <li>• In-kind services from Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department.</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$716, funded from the District 3 In-kind Reserve Fund.</li> </ul>		JTS
2(B)	Resolution urging natural gas and propane gas utilities to extend service throughout Miami-Dade County  <b>Senator Javier D. Souto</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This resolution urges the State Legislature and Florida Public Service Commission to encourage natural gas and propane utilities to extend service throughout Miami-Dade during electrical power outages caused by severe weather storms.</li> <li>• Provide Departmental Policy and encourage utility companies (natural gas or propane) opportunity to install new lines as part of County projects.</li> <li>• Include in the Miami Dade County 2007 State Legislative Package.</li> </ul>		MBM
2(C)	Resolution urging amendment to statutes the created the Citizens Property Insurance Corp.  <b>Commissioners Katy Sorenson and Sally A.</b>	This resolution urges the State Legislature to amend the statutes creating the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to eliminate statutory language including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The restriction that Citizens only write policies east of I-95 in north and central Miami-Dade County and east of U.S. 1 in South Miami-Dade County.</li> <li>• The requirement that Citizens charge higher premiums than any property insurer.</li> <li>• The requirement that Citizens only insure properties that no private insurer will insure.</li> </ul>		JTS



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3(A)	Resolution approving the acquisition of land for Fruit and Spice Park	<p><b>District 9</b></p> <p>This resolution approves the acquisition of 3.71 acres of land for the expansion of Fruit and Spice Park, 18500 S.W. 248<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Seller: Marguerite Fournier</b></p> <p><b>Acreage: 3.71 acres</b></p> <p><b>Zoning: Agriculture (a single family home also sits on the site)</b></p> <p><b>Proposed purchase price: \$650,000 (\$175,202 per-acre)</b></p> <p><b>Appraised value: \$650,000 and \$665,000</b></p> <p><b>Funding Source: GOB funds. This project was specified in the GOB program.</b></p>		JTS
3(B)	Ratification of Grant Proposal to the National Football League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed resolution would ratify the County Manager's action in applying for \$40,000 in grant funds from the National Football League (NFL) for a performing arts presentation as part of the events leading to Super Bowl XLI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (AHCAC) will provide a 90-minute tribute to the music and dance traditions of the African Diaspora featuring local arts organizations and artists.</li> <li>The event is planned for either Sat., Jan. 27, 2007 or Sun., Jan. 28, 2007 at Miami-Dade County Auditorium.</li> <li>The performance will include a retrospective look at the contributions of Africans, Afro-Caribbean, and African Americans to the performing arts.</li> <li>Close to 100 local artists will participate in the development and implementation of the performance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The grant application deadline was August 16, 2006.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AHCAC is an educational center and a performance and visual arts facility. The After School Arts Academy, the Saturday Creative Arts Workshops, and various seasonal classes offer a variety of training for children and teens.</li> <li>Tickets for the event will range from \$15 to \$20 depending on seat location. All proceeds will go towards the AHCAC scholarship fund to provide full tuition for students to attend the after school and summer arts programs.</li> <li><u>Grant funds must be used by February 1, 2007.</u></li> </ul>	ENO
3(C)	Sublease agreement for use of cell tower at Miami-Dade County Fair Ground	<p>This resolution approves the sublease agreement between Verizon Wireless Personal Communication LP and Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition to add a cell phone tower to the existing monopole located in Tamiami Park.</p> <p>The County has previously authorized four cell phone providers access to the existing cell phone tower installed at the fairgrounds.</p>		JTS



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		<p>This sublease, which is similar to previous subleases, would add an additional antenna to the cell phone tower for Verizon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms: 5 year term with four additional five-year renewals.</li> <li>• Annual revenue: \$18,000 for first five years (divided equally between The Fair and the County). Each additional five-year renewal will carry an increase of 15% capping at \$31,482.11 during the last five-year term.</li> </ul>		
3(D)	Amendment to Subgrant Agreement Authorizing by Resolution No. R-51-05 with the City of Miami Gardens (City) for the Distribution of Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) Series 2005 Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed resolution would authorize the County Manager to execute a subgrant agreement amendment with the City of Miami Gardens, allowing an additional \$287,332 in SNP Series 2005 Funds to be used to make improvements at Norwood Park Pool. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>June 27, 2004</u> – Resolution R-982-04 adopted, conveying to the City the property among others known as Norwood Park Pool.</li> <li>○ <u>June 21, 2005</u> – Resolution R-751-05 adopted, subgranting \$7,106,015 of Series 2005 SNP bonds (originally \$10,651,100) to the City for the improvement of 8 parks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The remaining \$3,545,085 of the original was to remain with the County to off-set pre-existing costs for work the County completed before transferring parks to the City.</li> <li>▪ The original 2005 subgrant neglected to include a reimbursement in the amount of \$287,332 for Norwood Pool Project. These funds should have been allocated to Norwood Pool but were utilized for expenditures incurred on other pool projects.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		ENO
3(E)	Reallocation of unexpended community-based organization grants and allocations	<p>This resolution authorizes the Park and Recreation Department to utilize unexpended Community-based Organization grants and allocations from FY 1994-95 through FY 2004-05 in the following amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$28,840 in programming funding.</li> <li>• \$6,913 in park capital improvements funding.</li> </ul>		JTS
3(F)	Recommendation for Award of Contract No. RFP 499: Automated Library Self-Checkout System	<p>Award of Contract to 3M Company to provide 3M V-Series Self-Check Systems and related equipment, software and maintenance services for the MDPLS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term – 5 years, with 2, three-year options-to-renew.</li> <li>• Contract amount - \$3.1 million for the initial 5 year term.</li> <li>• Funding Source – MDLB Operating Funds.</li> </ul>	3M Detection System Model 3800 (models M3802 and M3801) helps to ensure that no materials leave the library without being checked out. According to the manufacturer brochure, they are safe for magnetic media, has audible and visible alarms and multiple corridor installation options.	ENO
3(G)	Approval of contract for governmental representation and consulting services	<p>This resolution approves two contracts for government representation and consulting services in Tallahassee, FL.</p> <p>Vendors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron L. Book, P.A. (subcontractors: Pittman Law Group, P.L. and David R. Custin &amp; Associates, Inc.)</li> <li>• Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell, &amp; Hoffman, P.A. (with subcontractors Becker &amp; Poliakoff, P.A., Dutko Poole McKinley, LLC, and Gomez</li> </ul>		JTS



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		<p>Barker Associates, Inc.)  Contract Amounts: \$250,000 annually; and up to \$75,000 annually for work orders and optional services.  Term: One year, with three, one year options to renew at the County's discretion.  Funding source: General fund.</p> <p>Previously, the county contracted with four consultants to provide lobbying and consulting services in Tallahassee. By utilizing only two consultants, staff estimates a \$150,000 yearly reduction in contract expenditures.</p> <p>According to the 2006 State Legislative Report prepared by the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA), Ronald L. Book, P.A. lobbied on behalf of the County for 21 issues. In the 2006 performance review conducted by OIA, Book received ratings which ranged from "outstanding" to "acceptable."</p> <p>Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell, &amp; Hoffman, P.A., lobbied on behalf of the County on 15 issues in Tallahassee, receiving "outstanding" and "acceptable" rankings in the 2006 OIA performance review.</p>		
5(A)	Performing Arts Center (PAC) Progress Report	<p>As of September, the PAC Project is 98% complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 4, 2006 – received the Temporary Certificates of Occupancy (TCO) from the City of Miami's Building Department and Fire Marshal.</li> <li>• Scheduled to be substantially completed by mid-October, 2006: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work outlined in the TCO's qualification list;</li> <li>○ Detailed work involved with the overall aesthetic appearance of the buildings;</li> <li>○ The close out documentation from the subcontractors will be received, reviewed, and evaluated; and</li> <li>○ Tuning, adjustment and checkout of all the variable acoustic and performance related systems.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scheduled to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October, 2006: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall Punch List for the Project;</li> <li>○ Downsizing of Administrative Staff; and</li> <li>○ Remaining staff will move into the two trailer complexes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Certificate of Occupancy is expected to be received January, 2007.</li> </ul> <p><b>The ongoing Acceleration/Recovery Plan will more than likely require additional funds approved by the BCC. A request for such funds should come before the Board in September/October, 2006.</b></p> <p><b>Close-out Change Orders related to the close out of the County's Direct Purchase Program and increasing the Construction Manager scope of work should come before the Board next month.</b></p>	ENO



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		on the eastern portion of the current lot, providing additional parking for the PAC.		
5(C)	Report on Upcoming Special Events, Openings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies	Schedule of special events from mid-September through mid-October 2006.		ENO
5(G)	Report on Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) Preventative Maintenance Program and Maintenance Projects	MDPLS has over 39 facilities, 28 of which are over 20 years old. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attachment A – Major Renovations Project Schedule</li> <li>• Attachment B – Schedule of Maintenance Projects</li> <li>• All facilities are in ADA compliance.</li> </ul>		ENO

